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BEST of CT

The Connecticut River is the setting for several of our 2026 winners, including The Goodspeed Opera House and Gillette Castle State Park.

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winners chosen by readers

JULY 2026

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BEST NAIL SALON
Tiara Nails & Spa

516 W Main St, Meriden

Runner Up

Beauty By Alexis Mobile
14 Woodstock Rd, Woodstock

Finalists

Branford River Resort & Spa
249 E Main St, Branford
Smoke & Mirrors, Beauty Loft
211 Kennedy Dr, Putnam
The Spa at Litchfield Hills
407 Bantam Rd, Litchfield



BEST TATTOO PARLOR
Barnett Bodyart

575 Talcottville Rd, Vernon

Runner Up

Tattootales
105 Park Lane Rd, New Milford

Finalists

Dominium Ink Studio
3 Springside Ave, Danbury
Memories Ink
223 Bank St, New London
Valkyrie Studios
40 Broad St, Milford



BEST YOGA STUDIO
Nomad Yoga & Barre

500 Washington Ave, North Haven

Runner Up

Twisted Dog Yoga
167 Lebanon Ave, Colchester
Yoga Synergy Sportsplex Location
85 Mill Plain Rd, Fairfield

Finalists

CK Yoga for Good
250 Calhoun St, Washington Depot
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163 Main St, Wethersfield



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20 Bank St, New Milford

Runner Up

The Rustic Country Barn
101 Park Lane Rd, New Milford

Finalist

Miss Dallas' Shop
16 Higgins Dr, Milford
Pandemonium Thrift Shop
112 Elm St, Deep River
The Rusty Relic
599 CT-169, Woodstock
The Vintage Bee Collective
49 Maple St, Somersville



BEST ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
Hantsch Electric

508 Danbury Rd, New Milford

Runner Up

Eastside Electric
178 Birge Park Rd, Harwinton

Finalist

Bernsten Electric
9 Terrell Farms Way, Wallingford
Pinter Electric
272 W Meetinghouse Rd, New Milford
Shockwave Electric
122 Wopowog Rd, East Hampton



BEST FLORIST
Ruth Chase Flowers

19 Church St, New Milford

Runner Up

The Sunshine Shop
925 Upper Maple St, Dayville

Finalist

Haworth's Flowers & Gifts
47 Garden St, Farmington
Montville Florist
315 Norwich-New London Turnpike,
Uncasville
Persimmon Petals
135 Broad St, Hartford



**BEST GARDEN CENTER
OR NURSERY**
Hollandia Nurseries & Farm

103 Old Hawleyville Rd, Bethel

Runner Up

Scott's Landscaping & Nursery
322 Kent Rd, New Milford

Finalist

Shakespeare's Garden
25 Obtuse Rd S, Brookfield
The Green Spot
354 Litchfield Rd, New Milford
**Wojtusik's Nursery & Garden
Center**
750 Terryville Ave, Bristol



BEST HOME DECOR
Design by The Jonathans

85 Willow St, New Haven

Runner Up

Mellow Monkey
360 Sniffens Ln, Stratford

Finalist

A Pocketful of Posies
386 Main St, Middletown
The Hunt
20 Bank St, New Milford
The Rustic Country Barn
101 Park Lane Rd, New Milford
Tidewater Lighting & Design
665 Boston Post Rd, Old Saybrook



BEST HOME REMODELER
Elite Interior Renovations

Fairfield, CT

Runner Up

MJ Renaud Painting
193 Cedar Ridge Terrace, Glastonbury

Finalist

Bencar Building Systems
210 N Plains Industrial Rd, Wallingford
NHV Painters
354 Woodmont Rd, Milford
T&S Builders
106 S Kent Rd, South Kent

★ **BEST HVAC COMPANY**
Encon Heating & Air Conditioning

31 Parker Ave, Stamford

Runner Up

Gonzo Heating & Cooling

Garvan St, Newington

Finalist

Jennings Oil & Propane

30 E Franklin St, Danbury

Nero Air Conditioning & Heating

334 State St, North Haven

Ryan F. Murphy Heating & Cooling

8 S Main St, New Milford

★ **BEST INTERIOR DESIGNER**
Design by The Jonathans

320 Boston Post Rd, Darien

Runner Up

Design House Interiors

6 N Main St, Wallingford

Finalist

House of Moon

Old Lyme, CT

Nostalgic Home Interiors

49 Maple St, Somersville

Roberta Ann Interiors

8 Campus Dr, Madison

★ **BEST LANDSCAPER**
Scott's Landscaping & Nursery

322 Kent Rd, New Milford

Runner Up

Custom Illuminations |

Holiday Light Installers

354 Woodmont Rd, Milford

Finalist

Hollandia Landscape & Design

103 Old Hawleyville Rd, Bethel

OBEE Landscaping

148 Dividend Rd, Rocky Hill

YardScapes Landscape Professionals

18 Aspetuck Ridge Rd, New Milford

★ **BEST PLUMBER**
Marbledale Plumbing & Heating

25 Merwin Ave, Milford

Runner Up

Positano Plumbing

186 West St, Bristol

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